

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2018

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on February 1, 2018, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Jonathan Jones, Gerry Keen, Larry Leverenz, David Sanders [arrived at 4:31], and Gerald Thomas.

Absent: Norris Wang

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Assistant City Attorney Elliott McKinnis, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Director of Development Erik Carlson, Facilities Director Tim Clark, Parks Superintendent Janet Fawley, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Deputy Police Chief Troy Harris, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, and Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

President Bunder asked who is in charge of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program now. Director of Development Carlson responded that it is transitioning back to the Development Department, but it is still being overseen by Dale Dixon (Director of Rental Housing Inspection).

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Council Appointments: Go Greener Commission (Gerry Vanhorn and Linda Prokopy)

Present Bunder stated that we need to strike Gerry Vanhorn's name from the agenda, as he is unable to serve on the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 01-18 An Ordinance To Establish The Cumulative Capital Development Fund And Readopt West Lafayette City Code Provisions Concerning The Fund (Submitted by the Controller)

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 01-18 by title only.

City Controller Gray explained that this is the annual ordinance that establishes the CCD percentage for next year.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 03-18 A Resolution To Appropriate Grant Reimbursement In The Cumulative Firefighting Building And Equipment Fund (Submitted by the Controller)

President Bunder read Resolution No. 03-18 by title only.

Controller Gray stated that normally an appropriation of fund for this year would take an ordinance. Since this is dealing with a federal grant from last year, we can do this as a resolution.

There was no further discussion.

President Bunder noted for the record that Councilor Sanders is with us [arrived at 4:31 p.m.]

#### COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor DeBoer stated that the US 231 Corridor planning meeting is this evening at the library.

► Councilor Sanders noted that today is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deaths of Robert Walker and Echol Cole. They were Memphis sanitation workers who were crushed in the back of a garbage truck. This event started the strike in Memphis that was remarkable for the “I Am A Man” protests, which eventually resulted in the assassination of Martin Luther King. He stated that commemorating this occurrence is very important in the civil rights movement, but it also makes him want to thank our local sanitation workers and to advocate for things that can keep them safer. One of those things, potentially, is that people should be encouraged to use the City-designated trash containers; they are sealed and safer for the workers. We need to be grateful for our sanitation workers and doing what we can to keep them safe.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, President Bunder took the consent of the Council and adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:36 p.m.